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SUBJECT: FIREFIGHT OF EVENING OF MARCH 4

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1. APPROXIMATELY 2300 HOURS MODERATE TO HEAVY FIRING WAS HEARD IN THE AREA NE OF ASMARA IN THE VICINITY OF RADIO ASMARA TRANSMISSION TOWERS AND TELEPHONE MICROWAVE ANTENNA, IT APPEARS THAT FIREFIGHT, WHICH LASTED ABOUT 30 MINUTES, WAS RESULT OF PROBE BY INSURGENTS WHOSE IBJECTIVE HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. FIRING INCLUDED SMALL ARMS AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND LIGHT ARTILLERY.

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EXTENT OF DAMAGE AS YET UNKNOWN.

2. INCIDENT WAS ORIGINALLY ERRONEOUSLY THOUGHT TO BE OFFSHOOT OF EPMG SWEEP ALONG DECAMERE ROAD WHICH RESULTED FROM ATTEMPT BY INSURGENTS TO INTERDICT CONVOY OF TRUCKS HEADED TO DECAMERE. TRUCKS WERE BEING OPERATED BY SAVA GLASS FACTORY TO COLLECT SILICONE SAND FOR THE OPERATION OF THEIR FACTORY IN ASMARA. RESULT OF INCIDENT ALONG DECAMERE ROAD REPORTEDLY WAS PARTIAL BOMBING OF VILLAGE IN VICINITY AND SEVERAL EPMG CASUALTIES.
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